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# Master's degree



## MSc Global Change Geography

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin • Berlin

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	English (100%)
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	The application period for international students is between 2 May and 31 May.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>Understanding the Geography of Global Change</p> <p>Humanity has become the major driver of regional and global change in the Anthropocene. While we face planetary constraints regarding resources, climate, and ecological resilience, rapid transformations are taking place on both local and planetary scales. The MSc Global Change Geography at Humboldt-Universität aims to provide a broad understanding of these processes from a perspective of physical geography.</p> <p>Master's students of the MSc Global Change Geography will gain profound knowledge of current research questions, approaches, and insights regarding the interactions between the environment and society in the context of global change. Furthermore, the programme aims at providing knowledge about scientific methods and findings from physical geography, particularly biogeography, climatology, hydrology, remote sensing, sustainability sciences, and geoinformation science. Students learn to integrate scientific theories, findings, and procedures in order to analyse and model human-environmental systems. In addition, a major goal of the programme is the specialisation of scientific key skills, including scientific writing and presenting, the analysis of primary literature, and special language skills in English. The skills for dealing with questions of global change and sustainable transformation are developed by applying a wide range of teaching and assessment modes such as classical classroom teaching, virtual lessons, research guided project work, intense research seminars, and field work.</p>

## Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	The MSc Global Change Geography is a two-year Master's programme. Year one consists of compulsory and elective modules with lectures and seminars, including computer-based courses. The modular structure of year two, consisting of flexible and research-oriented specialisation modules, enables students to tailor the programme around individual interests and career goals. All courses are taught in English.
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International guest lecturers</li></ul>
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Approx. 290 EUR per semester (Students receive a free ticket for public transport that is worth 180 EUR.)
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bachelor's degree (with at least 150/180 ECTS completed by the time of application)</li><li>2. 30 ECTS in physical geography, 5 ECTS in statistics, 10 ECTS in geoinformation science, 25 ECTS in applied geoscience</li><li>3. English B2 or equivalent (see language section)</li></ol> <p>For details (especially regarding requirement # 2), please refer to: <a href="https://www.hu-berlin.de/de/studium/beratung/faecheruebergreifende-satzung-zur-regelung-von-zulassung-studium-und-pruefung-zsp-hu-lesefassung/view">https://www.hu-berlin.de/de/studium/beratung/faecheruebergreifende-satzung-zur-regelung-von-zulassung-studium-und-pruefung-zsp-hu-lesefassung/view</a>.</p> <p>An English translation can be found at: <a href="http://hu.berlin/mscgeo">http://hu.berlin/mscgeo</a>.</p>
<b>Language requirements</b>	English level B2 (European framework) or equivalent  Ways to prove English language skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 5</li><li>• Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE): A-C</li><li>• ETS Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Internet-based Test: 87</li><li>◦ Paper-based Test: 560</li></ul></li></ul>

- "HU-Leistungsnachweis Stufe" UNICert® II: 2.7
- Test of English for International Communication TOEIC: 785
- "DAAD-Sprachzeugnis": minimum C in all areas

For more information (especially for German applicants), please refer to the "Fächerübergreifende Satzung zur Regelung von Zulassung, Studium und Prüfung der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (ZSP-HU)" and to <http://hu.berlin/apply>.

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**Submit application to**

To apply: [hu.berlin/apply](http://hu.berlin/apply)

## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

Some MSc students find jobs as student collaborators at the geography department or associated research institutes and receive a monthly income of approx. 500 EUR.

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**

Central services for international students

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